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For: METHOD FOR THE )  
DEVELOPMENT OF GENE )  
PANELS FOR DIAGNOSTIC )  
AND THERAPEUTIC )  
PURPOSES BASED ON THE )  
EXPRESSION AND )  
METHYLATION STATUS OF )  
THE GENES )

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the amendment below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, after the heading entitled “**DESCRIPTION**” and before the section heading entitled “**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**” please add the following section heading and subsequent paragraph: